

Minnesota STAR Program

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Lunch and Learn



The accumulation of knowledge, the discoveries of technology, our ideas, our art, our social structures, all the achievements of mankind have value only to the extent that they *preserve and improve the quality of life.*

- Charles A. Lindbergh



Assistive Technology is

...any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities. [20 U.S.C. Chapter 33, Section 1401 (25)].



Assistive Technology Act Facts

- Signed into law in 1998
- Amended in 2004
- Applies to
 - All ages
 - All disabilities
 - All environments
 - Home
 - School
 - Work
 - Community



STAR is

- An Acronym for
 - System of Technology to Achieve Results
- Minnesota's AT Act program
- A division within Dept. of Administration
- Located in Saint Paul



Minnesota Assistive Technology Advisory Council

- Appointed by the Governor
- Provides STAR with

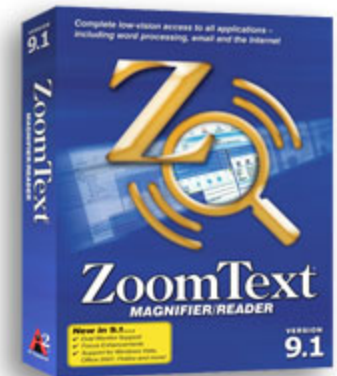


“...consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice for planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting the measurable goals described in subsection (d)(3) of the AT Act of 1998, as amended (P.L. 108-364).”



Device Demonstration

- Requested by individual or small group
- Demonstrates 1 or more devices
- Compares device features
- Assists with decision making



Device Loan

- Short term loan (30-days or less)
- Assessment / Evaluation
- Temporary replacement
- Assists with decision making



Device Reutilization

- Reuse through resale or donation
- Refurbish
- Recycle



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A System of Technology to Achieve Results



Minnesota's Assistive Technology Act Program

Minnesota's STAR Technology Exchange (STARTE)

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Welcome to STARTE

The goal of STARTE hosted by the Minnesota STAR Program is to put AT equipment that is not currently being used into the hands of someone who can benefit from it.

STARTE is primarily for Minnesotans, although we do accept entries from neighboring states. The program is designed to facilitate equipment exchange between individuals and is not for the use of vendors or distributors.

Use the buttons above to navigate STARTE. You may browse our listings anonymously (without having an account or being logged in), however to view contact information and/or post your own items you must be a registered user and be logged in.

Categories of devices listed on STARTE are:

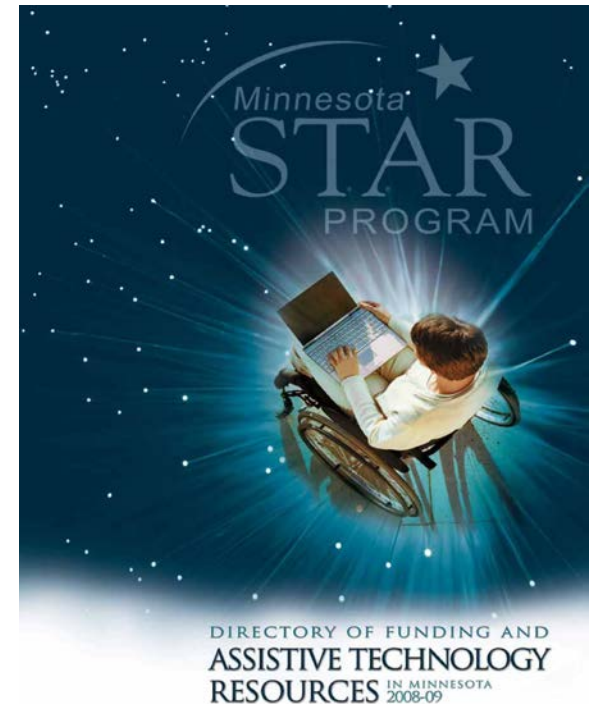
- [Computers and related](#)
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- [Learning, Cognitive, & Developmental](#)
- [Mobility, Seating & Positioning](#)
- [Recreation, Sports, and Leisure](#)
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Alternative Financing Resources

Online Directory of Funding
and Assistive Technology
Resources



Alternative Financing

Online searchable database



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Directory of Funding Resources for Assistive Technology in Minnesota

Results

10 Record(s) retrieved

- [Assistive Technology of Minnesota \(ATMN\)](#)
- [Multiple Sclerosis Foundation](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning](#)
- [Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals \(CADI\) Program](#)
- [Consumer Support Grant Program](#)
- [Family Support Grant Program](#)
- [Home and Community-based Services for Persons with MR and Related Conditions](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) Waiver](#)
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Search

Select one or more criteria for the programs in the funding database. Adding more criteria will result in fewer programs retrieved.

Funding Assistance

- ☐ Purchase equipment
- ☐ Loan equipment
- ☐ Rent equipment
- ☐ Loan money
- ☐ Information and referral

Services Funded

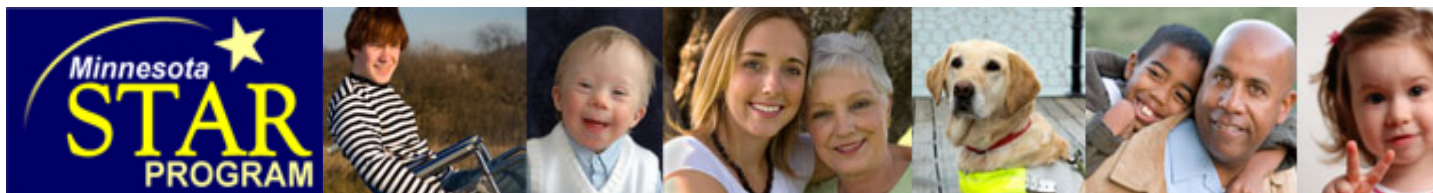
- ☐ Consultation/Observation
- ☐ Assessment/Evaluation
- ☐ Fitting
- ☐ Ordering
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Maintenance/Repair
- ☐ Fabrication (custom)

Equipment Funded:

- ☐ Computer Access/Ergonomics
- ☐ Education/Employment
- ☐ Electronic Aids for Daily Living
- ☐ Hearing
- ☐ Home/Building Modifications
- ☐ Mobility/Ambulation
- ☐ Prosthetics and Orthotics
- ☐ Recreation/Leisure
- ☐ Seating and Positioning
- ☐ Transportation/Driving
- ☐ Vision

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EQUIPALIFE

Providing equipment and assistive services for people with disabilities.



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[Assistive Technology & Modifications Toolkit](#)

The toolkit contains products, services and a list of organizations as resources people may use to plan independent lives.

Welcome to Equipalife

Equipalife is a nonprofit organization that provides access to life changing equipment for people with disabilities. We create a lifeline to financial assistance, education, information and resources throughout Minnesota. Equipalife helps Minnesotans with disabilities by increasing self-sufficiency at work, home, at school and in the community.



Using Resources Wisely

July 27th, 2009

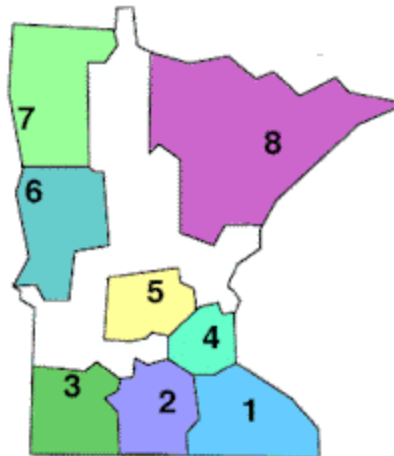
EquipALife received a call from Geneva concerned about husband Ted and his inability to move about the home freely. A recent stroke had limited his ability to walk up and down the staircase. Geneva explained how important it was to both of them to remain living in their home. The barrier was the stairway – the issue – how to pay for the modification. Their two level home has no bathroom or bedroom on the main floor so Ted was living in the dining room since he returned from the hospital. Meanwhile, Geneva in bed upstairs was constantly worrying about him and getting very little sleep thus becoming worn out. They own their home and live on Social Security and a small retirement income, just enough to pay the monthly expenses. [Read the rest of this article](#)



Transition



- School
- Work
- Community



Center For Independent Living Locations

1. [Rochester SEMCIL](#)
2. [Mankato SMILES](#)
3. [Marshall SWCIL](#)
4. [MCIL - Mpls./St. Paul](#)
5. [St. Cloud Independent Lifestyles](#)
6. [Moorhead FREEDOM](#)
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State Leadership Activities

- Public Awareness
- Information and Assistance
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Training & Technical Assistance



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